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ACTIVITY OF MSH5 (As amended)

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PETITION REQUESTING A GRANT OF THE ORIGINAL FILING DATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.182

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the above-identified application be granted a filing date of September 11, 2000. The aforementioned filing date should be granted as the undersigned enclosed the entire specification and all sheets of informal Figures (eight sheets total), including Figure 3 (panels A-H), upon the original filing date of the application. Evidence that the entire specification and all sheets of informal figures were submitted on the original filing date of the application is found on the postcard receipt date stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 11, 2000. The

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postcard receipt indicates that all materials were received by the Patent Office. A copy of the postcard receipt date stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is enclosed herewith as Appendix A.

Applicants respectfully submit that the specification erroneously makes reference to Figures 3I-3L. Applicants submit herewith a Preliminary Amendment in which this discrepancy in the specification is corrected. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that a filing date of September 11, 2000 be granted for the above-identified application.

The appropriate fee of \$130.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i)(1) along with a copy of the Notice of Incomplete Application is also being filed concurrently herewith. If the present petition is granted, it is respectfully requested that the petition fee be refunded to Applicants' attorney's Deposit Account No. 12-0080. If a telephone conversation with the undersigned would help in clarifying this matter, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned attorney at (617)227-7400.

Respectfully submitted,

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